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KENTUCKY'S NEXT GOVERNOR

A Historic Review of Old Men in Public Life And Public Service—Patterson on McCreary.

The opinion is sometime expressed that men who have occupied prominent places in affairs and have done great things are incapable of doing effective service after they have passed the traditional three-score years and ten. That this is a fallacy a few instances, and they might be multiplied manifold, will show.

Augustus was more capable of empire at 76 than when he defeated Antony at Actium forty years before. Gladstone conducted with brilliant success his most strenuous political campaign when over 80. William I. and Von Moltke won the victories of Sedan and Gravelotte and laid France prostrate in the dust when over 70. Queen Victoria laid down the burden of empire when in the full maturity of her powers when over 80; and the veteran Emperor of Austria holds the reins still with a steady hand, though already four-score. Marshal Radetzky annihilated the army of Charles Albert on the fatal field of Novarra when 82 years of age; and Voltaire was crowned amid thunders of applause in the Theater Francaise, when his "Irene" was placed upon the stage at 78. Humboldt completed his immortal Cosmos at 90. Chief Justice John Marshall was in the full vigor of his powers at 80, and Chief Justice Roger V. Taney at 87. Justice John M. Harlan, one of the most distinguished of living Kentuckians, wrote recently an opinion dissenting from the deliverance of the Supreme Court on the Standard Oil decision, characterized by a wealth of legal learning, a powerful grasp of detail and a soundness of logical process unsurpassed by any of his contemporaries or any of his predecessors, and this at the age of 78. Joe Jefferson never appeared with more dramatic power than in Rip Van Winkle at 75; Tennyson wrote "Crossing the Bar" when past 80. LaPlace completed his "Traite de la Mecanique Celeste" at 76, a work which takes front rank in intellectual vigor, in scope and profundity with the Principia of Sir Isaac Newton and the Quarternions of Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Henry Clay brought forward and carried when 73 years old, the greatest political measure of his life, the famous compromise act of 1850. Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun were still full of fire of former years when they died, the former at 70 and the latter at 68 years of age. Gregory VII., whose long contest with the German Emperor reached its climax in the humiliation of Henry IV, at Canossa, was nearing 70 when he brought his antagonist to his knees; and Paul III, one of the most imperious of the pontiffs, did not hesitate, when nearing 70, to fulminate his bull of excommunication against Henry VIII. John Wesley, when nearing 90 was still the most indefatigable and eloquent preacher in England. Micheal Angelo produced one of his famous masterpieces, "The Last Judgment," when three-score years and ten; and Titian at about the same age completed his famous painting of "The Battle of Lepanto."

And in these latter years, Justin S.

Morrill, of Vermont, and William B. Allison, of Iowa, added luster and dignity to the Senate when past 80. With in a few months Dr. James B. Angell, when past 80, retired from the presidency of the famous University of Michigan, after a service of nearly forty years, and Mathew H. Buckham, president of the University of Vermont, was still vigorous and active at the time of his death, though nearly 80. Instances of great mental vigor at an advanced age might be multiplied by dozens and by scores, but these will suffice to show that many men are capable of great feats of mental power between 70 and 90 years of age.

While not a politician, I am greatly interested in the good government of the State. In addressing this letter to you and through you to the people of Kentucky I do not wish to be understood as disparaging the claims or the abilities of any candidate for the office of governor. I wish only to record my estimate of the one whom I prefer.

Few men have had experience so wide and so varied in the management of public affairs as James B. McCreary. He has been before the public more than forty years of continuous service in the field, in the halls of legislation and in executive duties. He made an excellent record as a gallant soldier and a capable officer. During the trying ordeal of the Civil War he evaded no duty and quailed before no danger. After his return to private life he represented his constituency in three successive national Democratic conventions. He represented his county in three successive sessions of the State Legislature, during the last of which he was Speaker of the House. He represented his district in Congress for six successive terms, namely 1885 to 1897, and represented Kentucky in the Senate of the United States from 1903 to 1909. From 1875 to 1879 he was governor of this Commonwealth. While a member of Congress he was appointed one of the Commissioners of the United States to the International Monetary Congress at Brussels, where he maintained with dignity and with credit the reputation of his country.

From the foregoing it will be seen that his whole life has been spent in the public service. His experience has been wide and varied in the field, in the halls of legislation, State and National, in administrative and executive duties, and in dealing with some of the most difficult problems which confront the political economist in national international finance. No mere tyro can bring to the discharge of public duties one tithe of the capacity for intelligent work in legislative and executive duties. His collegiate and legal education well fitted him for these manifold and varied activities. In all of these relations he has borne himself with conspicuous ability, fidelity, dignity and courtesy. As Speaker of the House his rulings were prompt and impartial. As Governor his acts were all conceived and executed in the interest of the whole people of the Commonwealth. Partisanship was subordinated to the public good. In his legislative career in Congress, extended over a period of eighteen years, every measure supported and every vote cast was upon national and not sectional lines. An able, upright, experienced, clean, good man, no breath of suspicion, so far as I know, has ever attached to any of his acts, either public or private.

If elected Governor of Kentucky, he will bring to the discharge of his du-

FIRST LEGAL ELECTROCUTION IN KENTUCKY AT EDDYVILLE.

Eddyville, Ky., July 8.—Calmly, without the support of anyone, Jim Buckner, the 18-yr-old murderer of Policeman John Roby, of Lebanon, Ky., walked into the death chamber at the branch penitentiary here at sunrise this morning, and sixteen minutes later his lifeless body was being prepared for burial.

The first execution of a condemned prisoner by electrocution in Kentucky was a pronounced success, in speed, painless and the absence of the horrible features attendant upon public hanging.

Forty-five people, officials, ministers and newspapermen, witnessed the death of Buckner, and among all the assembled officials and spectators, Buckner was the least moved. From all indications his heart was neither accelerated or retarded a beat or his breathing or color affected.

He walked into the room between former Chaplain J. B. Woodson and guard Block, but neither of them touched him. When he turned around and seated himself the action was so natural that every person in the room at the instant thought of one seating himself in a barber's chair.

Buckner might have rehearsed his part in the performance with the officials, who undoubtedly were letter perfect in their roles, so exactly did he conform to the requirements of the occasion. After sliding back comfortably in the bulky death chair, he moved his feet together, laid his arms out along the arms of the chair, ready to be strapped

ties a ripe experience extending over forty years, an experience of incalculable value in troublous times, when the hand of a safe, conservative man is needed at the helm. The State needs just now a policy of conciliation, not a policy of adventure, the policy of a statesman, not of politician, a policy justice, not of expediency or opportunism.

I think I might well close by a verse from the forty-fourth chapter of the book of Ecclesiasticus: "Let us now praise famous men and our fathers who begat us." Respectfully,

JAMES K. PATTERSON,
President Emeritus, State University of Kentucky.

MORE SCHOOL TALK.

Mr. Editor, here I am with some more school talk. I have just completed my annual report to the State Superintendent, and among other things that does not look good for Crittenden Co. in the average daily attendance. There were 4306 pupil children in the census report last year with a daily attendance of 1523, making something like one fourth attendance. There was collected and spent in the county for school purposes, building, repairing etc., included \$25170.47, making a cost of more than \$16 per pupil in school. Should we have had a full attendance the cost would have been less than \$6. Now, this cost must go on from year to year. It costs just as much to supply the schools for this one fourth of our children as it does for the whole number. At a little more expense to the county this year, we are going to have a school at every house in the county. This will give every child in the county a chance to attend a school without much complaint as to distance. I know there are parents and guardians who do not send their children to school from sim-

ple neglect or indifference. For their benefit I wish to quote some extracts from the Kentucky Statutes.

Section 177, School Law—Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Kentucky, having the control of any child or children between the ages of 7 and 14 years shall be required to send such child or children annually, at least eight weeks of which attendance shall be consecutive to some private or public day or night school for children.

"Any parent guardian or other person failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall forfeit to the use of the schools in the city, town or common school district in which such child resides, a sum not less than \$5. nor more than \$20. for the first offense and not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 for the 2nd and all subsequent offences."

The requirements of the teachers are increasing and the cost of teaching is going higher all the time, and the attendance must come up, or the cost will exceed the profit.

By the goodness of the Editor you will find the program for the Institute in these columns next week.

Yours very truly,
E. JEFFREY TRAVIS,
Superintendent.

BOQUET FOR POGUE.

The Legislative Committee on Saturday, June 17, met in Salem and there being no other candidate for Representative from

Crittenden and Livingston counties, Hon. Marion F. Pogue was unanimously nominated and declared the nominee for representative of the two counties.

This was a compliment well deserved, as Marion is one of the old-time Democratic boys who merits recognition. He has made a good representative in the past, and we feel confident that no cause for regret will ever be given by him.—Smithland Banner.

Crittenden County For Franks First, Last And All The Time.

The County Convention called by the Republicans, met in pursuance of said call last Saturday after endorsing Taft's and Wilson's administrations, instructed Crittenden County delegates to vote for Franks first, last and all the time, in the state convention which met at Louisville, Tuesday July 11.

IN SOCIETY

From "Trenton Herald Democrat," Brazil Tenn., Items.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Charles as thrown open to their many young friends last Thursday evening in honor of her pretty and popular sister, Miss Nell Clifton of Marion, Ky.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in pot flowers and honey suckle. Mrs. Charles who received her friends was becomingly gowned in white, while Miss Clifton wore silk floral marquisette over pink satin.

Fruit punch was served in the hall by Miss Nathan Allen throughout the evening while pineapple frappe and cake was very much enjoyed in the dining room.

The guests were delightfully entertained with a nut and chocolate contest, and the prize a beautiful handpainted pin tray was won by Miss Russel of Humboldt Tenn. Those present were Misses Nell Clifton of Marion, Ky., Margaret and Hazel Lane, Jesse and Bertha Dodson, Nina Lain, Viola Duffy, Virginia Ragan, Linnie Wade, Lizzie Ward of Trenton, Tenn., and Inez Russel, of Humboldt, Tenn., Messrs: John Wade, Dr. D. Ingram John Lane, Irwin Choate, T. Stott, Ernest Wade, Harry Dinwiddie, Parker Crim, Farris McDougall, Pete McClure.

A GUEST.
Mrs. Jesse Glenn Allen and Miss Hazel Lane will entertain for Miss Clifton this week.

CRITTENDEN GO VOTE SHOWS ADDAMS LEADS

Majority Over McCreary 43 Votes
The Vote by Precincts
Stood as The
Following.

PRECINCTS

	James	McCreary	Addams
Marion No. 1	40	20	15
Marion No. 2	51	36	21
Marion No. 3	54	25	26
Marion No. 4	26	11	13
Marion No. 5	34	13	20
Piney	19	14	7
Fords Ferry	20	18	2
Tolu	59	7	51
Sheridan	25	12	10
Union	23	14	10
Dycusburg	35	26	7
Frances	37	31	3
Bells Mines	17	17	
Rose Bud	34	9	25
Shady Grove	34	24	
Total, James	508		
" McCreary	228		
" Addams	271		
Addams' majority	43		

O'REAR WINS

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR.

Judge Edward C. O'Rear, of Montgomery county, swept Kentucky in the race for the Republican nomination for Governor last Saturday, receiving enough instructed votes to insure his nomination on the first ballot. The returns are not yet complete but enough have been received to make O'Rear's nomination absolutely certain.

O'Rear's instructed vote alone is almost twice as much as the combined votes of E. T. Franks and Lieutenant Gov. W. H. Cox. With the returns complete, O'Rear is sure to have close to 1,500 votes.

With only six out of 119 counties to be heard from O'Rear's is 1,394, Cox's 427, and Franks' 364. Eight counties, having a total vote of 120, send uninstructed delegations, all but two of which will probably line up with the Franks and Cox combination.

LATER, Wednesday noon O'Rear was nominated on 1st Ballot this morning and his nomination was made unanimous.

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